

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been allowed. Claim 10 has been canceled. Claims 1-9 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hoshino *et al.* (US 5,995,204). Applicant cancels claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. Allowable Subject Matter.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-9. Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

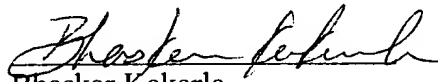
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